Rapid Response Team (RRT) Program Overview

PROGRAM RATIONALE	■ **Improve rapid response** to food/feed emergencies. ■ **Strengthen** state food program **infrastructure.** ■ **Unify and coordinate** federal/state/local food/feed emergency response efforts including training, investigations, data sharing, data analysis and communications. ■ **Develop best practices** that can be widely used and adopted. ■ **Ensure alignment with national priorities**, including the Food Safety Modernization Act and an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS).

RRTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY	*RFA Title: The Food Protection Rapid Response Team and Program Infrastructure Improvement Prototype/Implementation Project*	*RFA Title: Food Protection Rapid Response Teams*
	9 "Pilot" RRTs	**10 "New" RRTs**
	■ 9 States total o 6 Began in 2008 (CA, FL, MA, MI, MN, NC) o 3 Began in 2009 (TX, VA, WA) ■ 3 year agreement with renewals (in 2011/2012) through 2013 ■ Includes MFRPS component ■ Provides up to $500,000/year per recipient	■ 10 States total: PA, TN, RI, IA, NY, MO, WV, GA, MD, MS ■ 3 year agreement (through 2015) ■ No MFRPS component ■ Provides up to $300,000/year per recipient

RRT ACTIVITIES	**Multi-agency Collaboration:** ■ Among OP, the 19 RRTs, and the project Advisory Committee ■ Within RRTs (FDA field offices, state agriculture, health, lab, etc.) ■ With relevant initiatives (e.g. national workgroups, associations) **Some specific examples:** ■ Documentation: response plans, SOPs, MOUs, lessons learned ■ Information sharing: Working groups, shared portals, joint meetings ■ Building resources: Training, ICS, exercises, develop tools

PROJECT OUTCOMES	**Nineteen (19) Strengthened Programs** *(Federal/State/Local)*	→ Improved response capabilities → Improved infrastructure → Improved collaboration
	Manual of best practices	→ Tools used for continuous improvement. → Tools shared with non-RRT programs.
	Metrics for rapid response capabilities	→ Able to assess status, identify improvement plans, and quantify accomplishments → Quantifiable public health consequences
	Nationally integrated rapid response **concepts and tools**	→ RRT concepts harmonized with national priorities and relevant initiatives → Project products and recommendations integrated and sustained with broader, long-term initiatives